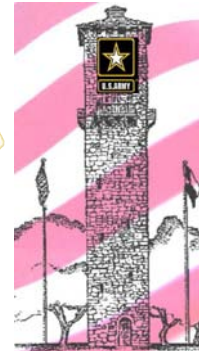


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Shilo and Kathreyn Harris to talk about how his injury affected their children. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was 4 years old when Shilo was injured. In 2007, he was severely burned when the vehicle he was riding in struck an improvised explosive device.

## Caregivers learn, share at USO conference

By Lori Newman  
JBAS-FSH News Leader

Caregivers gathered at the Joint Base San Antonio Sam Houston Community Center May 30 to tackle issues facing those who care for wounded, ill and injured service members.

The conference, sponsored by the USO, offered tips on communication, helping children cope with reintegration and rehabilitation and stress-busting breathing techniques.

"Everybody's journey is different and may change over time," said retired Air Force Brig. Gen. John Pray Jr., executive vice president, USO. "Our goal is to be there

with you at every step of that journey, to take care of you and your needs as you move toward a full and rewarding life."

Attendees were encouraged to share their experiences, both the joys and challenges of being a caregiver.

Ed and Karen Matayka know firsthand what caregivers and injured service members go through.

The Mataykas were both Soldier medics on deployment in Afghanistan, when Ed was severely injured after being struck by an improvised explosive device.

"I went from being a

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## Military surgeons general visit METC personnel

By Lisa Braun  
METC Public Affairs

For the three military surgeons general to be in the same country at the same time is unusual. For all three to be in the same room at the same time is a rare event.

Instructors and staff of the Medical Education & Training Campus received an extraordinary opportunity when Lt. Gen. Charles Green, surgeon general of the Air Force; Vice

Adm. Matthew Nathan, surgeon general of the Navy and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; and Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, surgeon general and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, conducted two open-forum "All Hands" calls on the same stage at the same time during a visit to METC May 30.

The three surgeons general and their senior enlisted leaders addressed the METC audience and answered questions

in the Big Area Tent on Fort Sam Houston.

The purpose of the visit was to ensure that METC continues on the path to joint success, and to ask what they can do to help maintain efforts to integrate training among the services.

"We are here for a couple of reasons. The first is to say 'thank you'," Nathan told the audience. "We want to support

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Photo by Lisa Braun

Lt. Gen. Charles Green, surgeon general of the Air Force; Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, surgeon general of the Navy and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; and Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, surgeon general and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, and their senior enlisted leaders conducted All Hands calls during a visit to METC May 30.





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# 'JBSA's got talent': New 502nd ABW command chief stresses teamwork, communication

By Mike Joseph

JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The new 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio command chief master sergeant has set his sights on emphasizing to the enlisted corps the importance of teamwork, professional development and communication.

Chief Master Sgt. Jose A. LugoSantiago, who became the 502nd ABW and JBSA senior enlisted leader in March, believes teamwork is a key component in a service member's quality of life and that professional development will play a major role in dealing with a constrained resource environment.

"I would like to build an environment for teamwork," LugoSantiago said. "Teamwork is always crucial, but I want to create conditions that inspire teamwork. By inspiring teamwork, we can improve the quality of life for the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines we have here in JBSA."

LugoSantiago has a specific message for the enlisted corps.

"I want people to embrace professional development because in the future we'll need what I call 'thinking machines,'" said the chief, who has earned three associate degrees, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

"We need to start thinking about what we do, what we should not do, and how we can make it better. We're not going to have the resources we may have had in the past," he added.

The JBSA senior enlisted leader is using



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jose A. LugoSantiago speaks with service members during an enlisted call April 19 at JBSA-Lackland.

technology to reach the enlisted corps.

In addition to his Facebook page, LugoSantiago also has a blog to communicate and mentor.

"Throughout history, noncommissioned officers have been passing knowledge to the next generation of NCOs by word of mouth," he said.

"But now, as we become a smaller force and the space where we operate becomes larger, sometimes we don't have the ability to meet face-to-face.

"Creating a blog helps me talk leadership topics directly with the youngest troops. They can give me instant feedback through Facebook or the blog. The leadership challenge will always be how to communicate. In this era, it is one of our biggest challenges as leaders. We have to evolve," he said.

Arriving here from Joint Base Charleston, S.C., where he served as the 628th Air Base Wing and Joint Base Charleston

command chief, LugoSantiago is already very familiar with joint basing.

He plans to draw on that experience when necessary.

"It gives me a starting point on where we can go on a problem or solution," he said. "And it gives me a frame of reference on how to work through some of the same issues.

"I can better appreciate the amazing talent in every single one of the services. This is such a great opportunity for our service members regardless of their branch."

About his first two months in JBSA, LugoSantiago often recalls what the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor used to say, "Wow."

"I find myself saying the same thing. It doesn't matter what branch our service members are in, they are doing amazing things here," he said.

"The most amazing part is how we work together to make it even better. The only thing I can say is, 'Wow!'"

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### Fort Sam Houston Army Birthday Open House

Celebrate the 237th birthday of the U.S. Army from 1 to 4:30 p.m. June 14 at the Army North Quadrangle and other locations on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The event is open to the public and includes static displays from ARNORTH, the U. S. Army Medical Command, 5th Recruiting Brigade, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and the Army Support Activity. There will be tours at the Fort Sam Houston Museum. The Society for the Preservation of Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio Living History re-enactors will discuss FSH history. The clock tower in the Quadrangle will also be open and people can feed the animals. Various family readiness groups will be selling food items.

### METC Commandant Retirement Ceremony

Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan hosts a retirement ceremony honoring Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, the first commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus at 9 a.m. June 15 in the Anderson Hall auditorium, located at 3488 Garden Avenue, Building 1364. Kiser retires after 38 years of service to the U.S. Navy.

### METC Lecture Series

The Medical Education and Training Campus Professional Development Lecture Series presents Navy Capt. Gail Hathaway, prospective METC deputy commandant from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 13 in the Anderson Hall auditorium, 3488 Garden Avenue, Building 1364. No reservation required. For more information, call 808-1217 or 1253.

### FSH Thrift Shop Opens in mid-August

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Fort Sam Houston in mid-August. The shop will be open to receive donations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 9. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call (405) 415-5606.

### W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed until June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring

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# Rubenstein recognized for 35 years of service by Army Surgeon General

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, who most recently commanded the Army Medical Department Center and School, and was concurrently the Chief of the US Army Medical Service Corps, retired after 35 years of service with Army Medicine at a June 1 ceremony at MacArthur Field.

His guests attending included his 1977 classmates from Company D-1, Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets and this 1989 classmates from the U.S. Army's Baylor University graduates program in Health Administration.

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Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein for exceptionally meritorious service in positions of great responsibility. Rubenstein retires after 35 years of service in the United States Army and Army Medicine. His wife Patricia is standing next to him.

Photo by  
Esther Garcia

## ARNORTH hosts force protection conference for security leaders

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Anti-terrorism officers and security professionals from major U.S. Army commands in North America met in San Antonio for a three-day conference hosted by U.S. Army North to promote better cooperation and to discuss challenges in force protection in the United States.

More than 50 leaders in force protection from U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, U.S. Army Cyber Command, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and other Army commands, Army Service Component Commands and direct reporting units attended Army North's 2012 Force Protection Conference May 22 through 24 to hear presentations and participate in solution-seeking table-top



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Mary Frels (center), deputy provost marshal, U.S. Army North, follows along during a force protection briefing May 23. Anti-terrorism officers and security professionals from major U.S. Army commands in North America met in San Antonio for Army North's 2012 Force Protection Conference May 22-24 to hear presentations and participate in solution-seeking table-top exercises.

exercises.

"As part of Army North's mission for force protection, this conference provides a working

forum to address force protection challenges in the U.S. Northern Command theater," said Mary Frels, deputy Provost

Marshal, Army North.

"The conference theme for this year is 'managing risk,' as we continue to take a holistic approach to risk management for mission assurance during this time of budget constraints and personnel reductions," Frels added.

The conference focused on identifying gaps, seams and shortfalls that can affect mission execution.

In break-out sessions, groups worked through several objectives, including conducting the risk management process; analyzing exercise reporting and information dissemination; identifying tactics, techniques and procedures for in-transit security and force tracking; and identifying resource impacts of operating at higher force protection levels.

"In Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army has been very good at feeding information and intelligence up to commanders and decision-makers," said Nicholas Chaudoin, threat branch chief,

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access to areas around this location are encouraged to use alternate routes.

#### 237th Army Birthday Ball

The 237th Army Birthday Ball takes place at 5:30 p.m. June 15 at the JW Marriott Hill Country, 23808 Resort Parkway. Cost is \$67 per person and parking is free. Dining, dancing and music on tap, with a professional photographer available. Call 221-0118 for more information.

#### Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Walls is hosting a wreath ceremony at the graveside of Sgt. Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

#### Kelly Family Health Clinic Move, Renaming

The Kelly Family Health Clinic will relocate to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center June 25. The clinic officially closes June 21. When it reopens at WHASC, the name will change to Family Health Clinic. Patients requiring non-emergency medical needs should call 916-9900 for appointments. The new clinic's entrance at WHASC will be located on the first floor across from the Internal Medicine Clinic. Patient parking is in Lot C. For more information, call 925-6336.

#### 32nd Med. Bde. Change of Responsibility, Retirement Ceremony

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Tharp will relinquish responsibilities of 32nd Medical Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson at 8:30 a.m. June 22 during a ceremony at the post flagpole on Stanley Road. Tharp retires following 30 years of military service. The inclement weather location is Evans Theater on Gardner Road.

#### 32nd Medical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony

Col. William LaChance will relinquish command of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Col. Johnathan Fristoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

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Soldier to being a caregiver in a split second. It was the scariest and most horrifying transition in my entire life," Karen said.

She talked about how they both deal with the stress of Ed's injuries.

"I'm not back to a normal life yet," Ed said. "It never goes back to normal. Now the struggle for us is finding out what the new normal is."

Ed talked about how their roles have changed and how much time they spend together.

"I don't think human beings are meant to spend so much time together in the same room," he joked. "But you really find out as a couple what your strengths and weaknesses are when you have to spend so much time together."

Children's author and entertainer Trevor Romain shared some of his experiences working with children around the world.

He then called on Shilo and Kathreyn Harris to talk about how Shilo's injury affected their children.

Their daughter, Elizabeth, was 4 years old when Shilo was injured. In 2007, he was severely burned when the vehicle he was riding in struck an IED.

"I didn't have answers for her," Kathreyn said. "There are some days we still don't have the answers."

"But, we listen to her, validate her feelings and let her know it's OK to be mad or frustrated," Kathreyn explained.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion featur-

Blair Bloomston, associate director, Game On Nation, plays a confidence boosting game with Gabriel Marcum during the USO Caregivers Conference May 30.



Photos by Lori Newman

(From left) Gabriele Dias, director of the Fort Sam Houston Soldier and Family Assistance Center; Nate Smith, executive director of Hire Heroes USA; and Ann Alvarez, military service coordinator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration answer questions regarding support programs available to wounded warriors and their caregivers.

ing Susan Thomas, vice president, USO Warrior and Family Care; Gabriele Dias, director of the Fort Sam Houston Soldier and Family Assistance Center; Nate Smith, executive director of Hire Heroes USA; and Ann Alvarez, military service coordinator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration.

Krissy and Joey Banegas attended the conference to see what resources were available to help them.

"I would have liked a little more information on counseling," Krissy said. "It's a little bit harder for us because [Joey] is retired."

Krissy said she wanted to know about programs that help retired service members and their spouses.

Ronnie Cantrell came to the conference because his wife is a wounded warrior and he is her caregiver.

"It's tough. I'm the guy and typically the guy is the breadwinner of the house, but I'm not the breadwinner my wife

is even though she's retired," Cantrell explained.

"I take care of her. I wanted to see what help there is for me, so that I can help her."

Cantrell said the conference gave him a great sense of camaraderie.



Ed and Karen Matayka share their experiences with others wounded warriors and their caregivers.

"You as a caregiver are an integral part of our Soldiers success," said Lt. Col. Brian Almquist, commander, Warrior Transition Battalion. "They can't succeed if you don't take care of yourself."

## ARSOUTH SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR ALAMO GUIDE



Photo by Eric Lucero

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general, recognized Jesus A. Campos, a tour guide for the Alamo education department, with a certificate of appreciation at the Army South headquarters June 1. Campos was cited for his contributions to the U.S. Army South Distinguished Visitors Program as a guide at the Alamo in downtown San Antonio. "Military and civilian leaders from Partner Nation Armies are always impressed with your knowledge, presentation and willingness to be involved with their visits to the Alamo," Trombitas noted.

## ARNORTH BIDS FAREWELL TO 469 YEARS OF SERVICE AT RETIREMENT CEREMONY



**Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell**

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior mission commander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, proudly shares in the special day these fellow Soldiers have earned over each of their distinguished careers during the latest Army North retirement ceremony held May 31 in the historic Quadrangle. Caldwell remarked that the ceremony was one of the largest held here with 18 retirees, spanning more than 469 years of combined service and two dozen combat tours, from colonel to sergeant. The retirees included Col. John Tully, Col. Forrest Oliverson, Col. Karen Nauschuetz, Col. Roy Bennett, Col. Jeffrey Weaver, Col. Timothy Newcomer, Col. (Dr.) David Longnecker, Col. Ralph Franco, Lt. Col. Glenn Park, Lt. Col. Dianne Helinski, Lt. Col. James Perkins, Lt. Col. Kim Thomsen, Lt. Col. Maria de los Angeles Garza, Maj. John Frasure, Capt. Kenneth Owens, Sgt. Maj. Jesus Perez, Master Sgt. William Dandy, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Reid and Sgt. Shay Woods.



# Army South conducts exercise, prepares for humanitarian assistance, disaster relief scenario

By Sgt. Tamika A. Exom  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army South, packed up their bags and headed to Camp Swift to set up a contingency command post during a field training exercise from May 12 to 17.

"Our Soldiers deployed to Camp Swift to exercise our ability to deploy into Central and South America to provide humanitarian and disaster relief efforts," said Col. Greg Maxton, the deputy commander for the Army South CCP.

"It's one of our primary missions that we execute at Army South Headquarters."

U.S. Army South is the

Army service component command for U.S. Southern Command and, as such, conducts theater security cooperation with partner nations, in order to enhance hemispheric security and stability.

SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility encompasses 31 countries and 15 areas of special sovereignty in Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

"The purpose of the exercise was to better prepare Army South's Headquarters to react to incidents of humanitarian assistance or disaster relief when requested by our Latin and South American partners," Maxton said.

Being at Camp Swift, located approximately 40 miles east of Austin in

Bastrop County, gave the unit the opportunity to break contact with the day-to-day operations at Fort Sam Houston.

These training exercises provide a unique and challenging environment for Army South. The unit has conducted this type of exercise at Fort Sam Houston, at Camp Bullis and as far away as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"Communications was a challenge for us since we didn't have the backbone of what's provided at Fort Sam Houston," Maxton said. "Soldiers were faced with the challenge of being by themselves, sustaining and training themselves, and keeping the focus on what we wanted to accomplish out there."

With hurricane season already started, if a request were to come to the U.S. government requesting assistance, Army South would have

little notice and would deploy the CCP, as it did to Haiti during Operation Unified Response.

In January 2010, following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti, ARSOUTH deployed as part of Joint Task Force-Haiti in Operation Unified

Response, which provided military support to the international disaster relief efforts in Haiti.

"Through this FTX, we were able to deploy the command post, establish communications and exercise staff processes to significantly improve our abilities," Maxton said.



Photo by Sgt. Tamika A. Exom

Soldiers of U.S. Army South deployed to Camp Swift, Texas to set up a contingency command post during a training exercise held May 12 through 17.

# San Marcos names park for fallen Soldier

By Neal Snyder  
IMCOM Public Affairs

Paul Pena played here as a child. He went to school just over the rise. He'd run past this playground as he worked on his West Point physical fitness requirements.

It's really just a small park tied to the neighborhood Pena grew up in. On May 26, this corner of Texas got a new name: Capt. Paul Pena Park.

Pena gave his life Jan. 19, 2010, killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. His story ended there, but most of it was written in San Marcos.

A city where hundreds gave a morning to commemorate their Eagle Scout, San Marcos Academy graduate, and neighbor.

"This is a small number of the people that Paul touched," said Mayor David Guerrero.

Pena Finally left San Marcos to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He went on to attend Infantry Officer Basic School, Airborne School



Photo by Neal Snyder

San Marcos Mayor David Guerrero and Cecilia Pena, mother of Capt. Paul Pena, unveil the sign designating a city park named after her son, killed in January 2010 in Afghanistan.

and Ranger school at Fort Benning, Ga.

He served with the 509th Infantry at Fort Richardson, Alaska, the 508th Parachute Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Family friend Lt. Col. Jason Miseli, of Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division of Fort Hood, listed the times Pena chose to take on a difficult task and more responsibility.

"Abraham Lincoln said, 'It's not the years in your

life that count. It's the life in your years,'" Miseli said.

Pena was buried Jan. 28, 2010, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Not long after Paul's death, his mother Cecilia Pena began to get involved in the Army's programs for Fam-

ily members of fallen Soldiers. Participation in Army Family Action Program committees and conferences eventually led to her nomination to the Chief of Staff of the Army's Survivor Advisor board.

Cecilia Pena was recommended for a Survivor Advisor "because of her

commitment and contributions to preserving the memories of fallen Soldiers and support to their survivors in the community," said Hal Snyder, chief of the Wounded and Fallen Branch at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. IMCOM, through its Family programs, coordinates Survivor Outreach Services for the U.S. Army.

The nine-member panel recently had its second meeting at IMCOM headquarters.

Pena thanked the guests for attending the ceremony in honor of her son. Soldiers from the 508th, 509th, IMCOM and other units attended.

Master Sgt. Michael Smith escorted Cecilia Pena to her seat. Currently with the 106th Signal Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio, Smith also served with Pena in Operation Enduring Freedom.

As noncommissioned

officer in charge of the color guard in Kandahar, Smith carried Pena's coffin as the remains began their journey home.

Smith found out about the ceremony via Facebook. He wore his airborne boots and beret to the ceremony.

Capt. Andy De Santiago, a classmate at West Point, noted the proximity of the ceremony to Memorial Day.

"It is a fitting time "to celebrate an awe-inspiring life cut short in combat," he said.

"Paul had a love for life that was contagious," added classmate Christian Fierro. "He loved living, his life and his country."

"The City of San Marcos is honored to commemorate the sacrifices of such a hero by naming a park in his memory," Guerrero said. "He gave his life so that we may live in a free world. We must never forget."

## RUBENSTEIN from P3

A bouquet of yellow roses was presented to Patricia Rubenstein on behalf of AMEDDC&S and the Army Medical Corps in recognition of her contributions throughout the years. Rubenstein's children, Sarah and William, also received special gifts on behalf of their dad for their support.

"David is a true servant-leader. He chose to serve first and out of that choice he became a greater leader as well," said the ceremony's host, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command.

"As a servant-leader, he excelled at being a teacher, a historian, a scholar, a communicator and a mentor," Horoho added. "As a commander of more than 2,700 soldiers and civilians at

the AMEDDC&S, David instituted additional requirements for flight medics.

"He started a short course in health care administration for soldiers and civilians training in running a clinic and he directed the staff to redesign a deployable combat support hospital to make it more flexible and adaptable."

Prior to commanding the AMEDDC&S, Rubenstein was the Army Deputy Surgeon General and before that, the commanding general of Europe Regional Medical Command and command surgeon for U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army.

His other assignments included leading the 30th Medical Brigade; Landstuhl Regional Medical Center; 21st Combat Support Hospital and Task Force Med Eagle while deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina; 18th



Photo by Esther Garcia

Sgt. Jared Stenger presents a bouquet of yellow roses to Patricia Rubenstein on behalf of the Soldiers of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and the Medical Service Corps as a symbol of appreciation for her contributions throughout the years.

Surgical Hospital (MASH); and Headquarters and Support Company, 307th Medical Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division.

"Parting is a little like

dying ... that is how I feel this morning," said Rubenstein as he began his remarks.

The general reminisced about his career, pointing out the buildings where

he first began his training here on post, the various incidents throughout his assignments and the people he met from generals to privates who inspired him. He also thanked the

federal civilians and his family.

"Retiring from the Army seems to me to be a lot like finishing a very good book," Rubenstein said. "You reluctantly put it on the bookshelf and move on to the next book or the next activity, but you do so knowing it is always there to take down on occasion to review or skim through, to look for a passage or a memory scene, or to look for a vaguely remembered fact.

"I have carefully packaged all my wonderful memories into that book, and I've titled it my Army career and placed it on my mental bookshelf. I'll go there, take it down every now and then, open it and fondly remember an event, occasion or lesson.

"Mostly, I will remember the people. For now it is time for Pat and me to go on another adventure."



## MILITARY ACADEMY STUDENTS



**Courtesy photo**

Madeleine Arnold from Cole High School on Fort Sam Houston poses with U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (left) and Gen. Edward A. Rice, commander of Air Education and Training Command at a ceremony May 28 for local students who will be attending military academies in the fall. Arnold will be heading to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. "On behalf of the great State of Texas, I want to congratulate you once again on your remarkable achievements, and I want to thank you so very much for serving your country and advancing the cause of freedom," Cornyn said. "Part of this is to give them a little encouragement, to say thanks for a job well done, but it's also to say our nation's future depends on you." More than 300 Texas students will be attending one of the nation's military academies as a part of the class of 2016. More than 6,000 Texas students applied for one of the academies, with only one in 20 being accepted. The students are scheduled to report to their respective academies June 28.

## NEWS from P4

### ***Veterans Retraining Assistance Program***

The Department of Veteran Affairs is now accepting applications for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. The program offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans and rolls out July 1. To qualify, a veteran must be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old; be unemployed; have an other than dishonorable discharge; not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance); not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployment; and not be enrolled in a Federal or state job training program. Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently \$1,473 per month). DOL will offer employment assistance to every veteran who participates upon completion of the program. For more information, visi-

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow/>. Veterans should go to eBenefits to apply at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits-portal>.

### ***Services Agency Conducts Online Bowling Survey***

In an effort to improve the quality and level of service provided to the Fort Sam Houston community, the Air Force Services Agency is conducting a short survey about the post bowling center. Service members, retirees and family members are encouraged to participate. Information from this survey will help the post move forward with a planned renovation of the FSH Bowling center. The survey can be found at <http://FTSamBowlingCenterSurvey.questionpro.com>.

### ***Army Military Clothing Sales to close on Mondays***

Due to cuts in the Department of Defense budget, the Army has closed all Army Military Clothing stores on Mondays. This only affect Army funded military clothing facilities, so it will not impact Lackland or Randolph Air Force Bases. Other

hours of operation will remain the same: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### ***Fitness Assessments Begin***

Personnel from the 502nd Force Support Squadron will be administering fitness assessments at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Center Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. for Air Force members on Fort Sam Houston.

### ***Holiday Artwork Contest***

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is seeking San Antonio area resident artists and graphic designers of any age to design cover artwork for the 2012 Holiday in Blue concert program. A design in JPG format must be received by July 1. Chosen artwork will be featured on all Holiday in Blue promotional materials, and the artist will be recognized as a featured guest at all performances this December. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>.

## Walters Street/Winfield Scott (formerly Scott Road) detour

There has been a change in how traffic enters the installation via Walters Street. All traffic will enter the installation on the newly constructed lanes and proceed through the new ID check canopy.

After exiting the ID check area, all traffic will follow the marked lanes to Conservation Street (formerly 8th Street, which is located

between buildings 4188 and 4189). Traffic will then follow Conservation Street northerly to Humphrey Way (formerly Humphrey Road).

Traffic will then turn left on Humphrey Way and proceed westerly to Commissary Street (formerly 7th Street). Traffic then turns right on Commissary Street and proceed northerly to Wilson Way (formerly

Wilson Street).

Traffic will then turn right on Wilson Way and proceed easterly on Wilson Way.

At this point, traffic will be back on the previous detour route and will follow previous detour signs. Exiting the installation via Walters Street will use the same detour, only in reverse. There will be traffic signs throughout the entire detour.

*(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)*



# New contractor, vendor access credential requirements forthcoming

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Contractors and vendors who require reoccurring access to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will soon need access credentials to enter the installation.

In conjunction with Defense Department directives and Air Force Instruction 31-113 Installation Perimeter Access Controls, the 502nd Security Forces Squadron will begin the process of phasing in and enforcement of access control requirements.

“Over the next several months, 502nd SFS will launch a media campaign to inform the Fort Sam Houston and surrounding community on the policy and procedures for

obtaining access credentials,” said Curtis Hoosier, 502nd SFS Resource Protection Manager.

An information forum will be held 1 p.m. June 14 at the Roadrunner Community Center for contractor and vendor management and operations personnel. Reservations are required.

A list containing the full name and the name of the company they represent must be sent to the Installation Pass and Identification Office at [usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-sfs-fsh-visitor-control-cente@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-sfs-fsh-visitor-control-cente@mail.mil) for all contract personnel who need authorization to enter the installation to attend this information session.

“The process begins with each government

organization or tenant on Fort Sam Houston, with oversight of federal contracts or vendor deliveries, appointing a Requesting Authority responsible for approval of applications for Installation Access Credential request submissions,” Hoosier explained.

The RA must be a DOD employee. Requests for RA appointments must be forwarded through the Installation Pass and Identification Office for approval by the 502nd SFS director.

Vendor delivery companies without DOD affiliation, such as FEDEX, UPS, fast-food deliveries requiring reoccurring access can submit requests for credentials through the supporting 502nd Mission Support Group

Squadron’s RA.

Approved RA’s will verify, sign, and forward all AIAC requests to the Installation Pass and Identification office, via email or hand carry to Building 260.

Once the request has been properly vetted, it will be sent back to the RA who will contact the respective requestors and have approved employees report to Building 260 for credential issuance.

“During the registration phase, extended registration dates and times will be available to ensure all opportunities for access credential issuance is made,” Hoosier said. “Extended registration hours will begin on or about June 18.”

For more information, call the Installations Pass and Identification Office at 221-0213 or email [usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-sfs-fsh-visitor-control-cente@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-sfs-fsh-visitor-control-cente@mail.mil).

## MICC WORKS WITH SMALL BUSINESSES



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

John Winnie (left) discusses Army contracting opportunities with business representatives during the Mission and Installation Contracting Command’s small business event June 4 at Fort Sam Houston. More than 200 small business representatives attended the event that included informational briefings and one-on-one meetings with MICC contracting officers and small business specialists aimed at informing the small business sector of contracting opportunities in support of Soldiers and their families. The MICC’s small business event was coupled with an industry day outreach event June 5 that included more than 300 registered participants from small and large businesses from throughout the nation who heard forecasts on acquisitions requirements from some of the Army’s major command. Winnie is a contracting officer with the MICC-Fort Sam Houston.

# Former NBA star ‘Sir’ Charles Barkley talks hoops with wounded warriors

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

A group of wounded warriors put Charles Barkley’s basketball knowledge to the test today during a visit to the Center for the Intrepid on Fort Sam Houston June 4.

“What up, guys!” Barkley called out as he entered the military’s state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation center, just steps away from San Antonio Military Medical Center.

A few dozen troops – some in wheelchairs and others standing on prosthetic limbs – gathered around to grill the former pro basketball player on everything from his predictions for the Spurs’ playoff game that night (“Whoever wins tonight will win the series!”) to his pick for best player in the league (“LeBron James”).

A few of the soldiers ribbed Barkley, an analyst on TNT’s “Inside the NBA,” about some of his past predictions, particularly regarding San Antonio’s beloved Spurs, but “Sir Charles” took it in stride.

Joking with the troops, the retired NBA star took time to pose for pictures and sign basketballs and gym towels. One amputee soldier even decided to pull off his prosthetic to be the “third wheel” in a picture.

“He’s a really great guy,” said Sgt. Ken Patterson, who bantered with Barkley for several minutes after they met. “And I can tell he really cares about soldiers. Plus, I admire the way he sticks to his convictions.”

“He doesn’t hold anything back,” said Spc. Chris Haley, who also chatted with Barkley for several minutes. “He’s one of my favorite commentators.”

Barkley invited the wounded warriors to ask him anything, but, with the playoffs heating up and some avid sports fans in the room, the topic centered solely on basketball.

Barkley talked about how he researches teams and players before each game and his fondness for his co-host, former NBA player Shaquille O’Neal.

“It’s great how he treats [wounded warriors] like fellow sports enthusiasts,” said Rebecca Hooper, CFI’s program manager of Barkley. “He looks at them as people, not as people to worry

about.”

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center, stopped by to give Barkley, also nicknamed the “Round Mound of Rebound,” a commander’s coin as a gesture of gratitude.

“Thank you for taking time out to share some joy and cheer,” he told him to resounding applause.

On his way out to ready for the game June 4, Barkley said he was the one who was grateful.

In his opinion, he said, there are only five real jobs: teacher, fireman, police officer, doctor and a member of the armed forces.

“I appreciate and respect what these guys do,” he said, “and I’m happy to take time out of my day to come here.”



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

Charles Barkley, a former professional basketball player and an analyst on TNT’s “Inside the NBA,” signs a wounded warrior’s T-shirt during a visit to the Center for the Intrepid June 4.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Never at a loss on all things basketball, Barkley banters with wounded warriors during a visit to the Center for the Intrepid June 4. “I appreciate and respect what these guys do,” Barkley said of his visit.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Barkley gives his opinion about the San Antonio Spurs to a group of wounded warriors.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Charles Barkley, a former professional basketball player and an analyst on TNT’s “Inside the NBA,” poses with wounded warriors during a visit to the Center for the Intrepid June 4. The Center for the Intrepid is a state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility for service members injured while supporting operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.



# Microemulsion developed at BAMC lab could allow vaccines to be stockpiled long-term

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

At an Army medical lab at Brooke Army Medical Center, the observed stability of a recently concocted “micro-emulsion” could one day be key to the long-term stockpiling of important vaccines for distribution in case of disaster.

Maj. Jean M. Muderhwa, a biochemist who serves as deputy director of the lab at BAMC’s Department of Clinical Investigation, formulated the mixture which appears robust for both longevity and temperature variations.

The compound was stored at both room temperature and in the refrigerator with equal results.

“They have been stable for eight months; so storing at room temperature does not hurt,” he said.

Muderhwa recently presented his findings at the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Some vaccines are created in the form of an emulsion, a mixture of an oil and water that requires high energy input for its formulation. While a vaccine is in storage, the ingredients of the emulsion protect and preserve the “protein antigen” portion of the vaccine, its active component.

The emulsion also serves as a medium to deliver the antigen into the body. Additionally, the emulsion can help the antigen stick locally inside the body for a longer time. That gives the immune system of an individual or patient more time to react to the antigen.

But emulsions can separate due to time and temperature changes. When that happens to vaccines in storage they may have to be destroyed, Muderhwa said. Finding an emulsion that is more robust is important to creating vaccines that can be shelf-stable for longer periods of time.

“If you make an emulsion containing the vaccine, the emulsion only lasts a few weeks or few months,” Muderhwa said. “When they separate, the components begin to degrade; either by oxidation or other means.”

Muderhwa has worked to develop an emulsion that forms readily and sometimes spontaneously and that would last longer by being thermodynamically



U.S. Army photo

Maj. Jean M. Muderhwa, a biochemist who serves as deputy director of the lab at the Department of Clinical Investigation at Brooke Army Medical Center, formulated a stable “microemulsion” compound for use in vaccines that could one day be key to the long-term stockpiling of important vaccines for distribution in case of disaster.

stable. One way to do that is with a microemulsion. The particles of oil in the microemulsion are smaller than in a regular emulsion.

“When you have an emulsion of the oil-in-water type, and you measure the particle size of the oil, you can make those particles smaller and smaller by adding a co-surfactant, such as a short chained alcohol, for example, isopropanol or pentanol,” he said.

“By doing that, you ensure the flexibility of the interfacial layer leading to decreased interfacial tension to nearly zero. The result is a transparent solution. And this solution is thermodynamically stable.”

In Muderhwa’s microemulsion, he didn’t use isopropanol or pentanol because of its toxicity if administered internally and because of its effect of destabilizing the system with time. Instead, he used glycerol as the “co-surfactant.” A co-surfactant works in addition to two pharmaceutically-acceptable surfactants, Span 80 and Tween 60, in the micro-emulsion.

“The co-surfactant works with the surfactants to reduce the surface tension to near zero,” Muderhwa said. “In an emulsion, the surface tension is not zero. So the molecules repeal themselves with time until they fail because of the tension. So they give up. They fail to stay together for a long time. In a microemulsion, since you are suppressing that interfacial tension, the particles stick closer to one another.”

A vaccine, however, is not simply oil, water, surfactants and in the case of Muderhwa’s compound, the co-surfactant glycerol. A vaccine must also contain its active component, the protein antigen, and also sometimes adjuvants such as aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate.

While Muderhwa saw that the micro-emulsion he’d created was stable, he’d also need to add the additional important components to make it a vaccine.

“Microemulsions are very sensitive to change in composition. If you add an extra compound, they also separate quickly like in the case of emulsions,”

he said.

“But what I have found is that, if I add aluminum adjuvant compounds, which are the only ones approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in human vaccines like influenza, and I mix that microemulsion with the aluminum compounds, it is still stable”.

Thus, Muderhwa’s concoction is the result of a composite adjuvant formulation consisting of a microemulsion containing aluminum-adsorbed model protein antigens and immunogenic agents, such as microbial cell components, for example monophosphyl lipid A. Muderhwa used both aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate in his compound.

Just how long will the components of the microemulsion stay emulsified? It’s been less than a year at this point, but Muderhwa thinks the microemulsion he’s put together in his lab could be stable for a long, long time.

“I think years. Ten or fifteen or twenty years,” he said.

Longer stability for a vaccine means that large amounts of vaccines could be manufactured and stored for emergency use.

“The Army can have this vaccine to be distributed to Soldiers and to the population,” he said. “I think the future will be to make, for example, a vaccine against biological weapons. You can make a vaccine containing anthrax or containing neurotoxins, and stockpile them.”

Muderhwa’s research opens up new possibilities in vaccine research.

“In contrast to emulsions, microemulsions are thermodynamically stable and are easy to formulate,” he said. “Also, given their larger interfacial area, i.e., large surface-to-volume ratio, these dispersions will provide the opportunity to study the effect of increasing the surface area increase on the immune response.”

Right now, though, the work is still in the experimental stages, he said, and it could be some time before there is benefit to the Army.

“This is just a formulation to be used to test on mice. If it works in mice, I will have to apply for an investigational new drug with the FDA, to allow me to start clinical trials in humans,” he said. “It’s a long process that will take time.”

# Quality assurance program improves contract administration

By Daniel P. Elkins  
MICC Public Affairs

Officials from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command continue to implement phases of its Quality Assurance Program aimed at improving contract administration and oversight to help ensure Army organizations are getting what they pay for.

The program builds upon steps already being taken by the Army to address deficiencies identified in various reports from the 2007 Gansler Commission, Government Accountability Office and Army Audit Agency.

Focused primarily on expeditionary contracting operations, MICC leaders took lessons learned from commission's findings to strengthen the compliance of contracts let in the

continental United States with federally established quality control standards and requirements.

"The reports identified the Army had a material weakness in contract administration and oversight and documentation of that oversight," said Joe Merry, a MICC senior quality assurance specialist. "In many cases, we didn't have a lot of documentation to support what we've paid contractors."

While previously assigned to the Defense Contract Management Agency, Merry often found that when a contract was written, the government "didn't do a very good job of defining requirements, which made it difficult to hold a contractor accountable for performance or defined outcomes."

To address that, the Quality Assurance Pro-

gram calls for the placement of quality assurance specialists at MICC subordinate units to team with contracting officers and specialists to assist in pre- and post-award contract management and oversight as well as a more robust training calendar for contracting officer representatives who, in many cases, are the face of contracting to contractors.

MICC QA specialists are acquisition professionals who serve as functional experts in contract quality assurance and oversight and provide valuable insight into the development of measurable contract requirements to hold contractors accountable for performance and responsible for quality control, said Pat Hogston, the director of contracting operations for the MICC.

In 2011, positions were created to add quality assurance specialists to MICC subordinate units. Forty-nine individuals were hired to fill QA positions throughout the command before a hiring freeze went into effect.

That number includes 10 interns, which also entails a training element. Quality assurance specialists are in place at a little more than 60 percent of the organizations 40-plus sites as officials here await an ease in hiring restrictions.

Merry said the program's effectiveness relies on a teaming approach between MICC acquisition members and a bit of a culture change.

"The MICC is a contracting officer-centric organization. They are ultimately responsible for everything in the Federal

Acquisitions Regulation, which allows for the use of other specialists," he said. "Turning over the oversight piece of contracting to quality assurance specialists is a hard thing to do."

David Garrett, a quality assurance specialist at the MICC headquarters, said the teaming of acquisitions professionals in contracting and quality assurance ultimately leads to the customers' needs being met in a more effective manner.

"Before, we had to be reactive because the contract had already been let," Garrett said.

"Now we're working with mission customers to identify requirements in such a way that contractors are accountable."

That accountability is often accomplished through the efforts of

contracting officer representatives who can be responsible for the surveillance of several contractors as an additional duty to their primary job.

As part of the Quality Assurance Program, Garrett said quality assurance specialists are responsible for training, mentoring and performing oversight of CORs.

The MICC's 12 certified instructors have ramped up the number of training classes for CORs from 23 in 2011 to more than 75 thus far in 2012 and have trained more than 650 individuals this year.

"We focus the classroom training on tasks we're asking the contracting officer representatives to perform for us, such as surveillance, as well as other areas of instruction they may not get from online training," Garrett said. "What gets watched gets done."

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integrated training, iron out wrinkles and smooth out seams. You represent the future and set the culture for integration."

Nathan said they are here to ask "why not interoperability", not "why."

"We want to remove the barriers," he added. "You're doing a great job of training our people. Joint is where it's at."

Horoho agreed. "Where we can be interoperable, where we can be joint we need to do that," she said.

To stimulate the discussion, Horoho later turned the floor to the audience, asking "if you were to be surgeon general for the day, what would you do?"

In addition to the All Hands calls, the surgeons held discussions with senior leaders from METC and the Army, Navy and

Air Force component commands that support METC.

They also toured METC's Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program and Department of Combat Medic Training where they observed students engaged in the classroom, laboratory simulation, and a live training exercise.

The six surgeons and senior enlisted leaders expressed their unification in support of what METC has accomplished and its future as the leader in joint military medical training.

As the pendulum swings from individual service medical training to consolidated training, METC is moving toward fully integrated training.

"You are giving us a wonderful product," Green told the METC audience. "We couldn't be more pleased."



## METC DIVISION WINS MERCURY AWARD



Photo by Lisa Braun

Col. Rafael Montagno, deputy commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, and Lt. Col. Tony Cromer, METC chief information officer, accept the Mercury Award from Army Col. Gary Wheeler, Army Medical Command chief information officer, on behalf of the METC Information Management Division Team May 10. The Mercury Award recognizes Army Medical Department personnel who have made significant contributions and demonstrated outstanding excellence and achievement in information management and information technology. The awards recognize the critical nature of information and its supporting technologies in mission accomplishment. The name, Mercury, recalls the Roman god known for rapid transport of critical messages and information.

## METC HOSTS ALLIED HEALTH OPEN HOUSE



Photo by Lisa Braun

Allied health partners from the San Antonio area attended an Allied Health Open House May 17 at the Medical Education and Training Campus. The event was designed to facilitate open, candid dialogue between educational and clinical partners with the purpose of leading to more collaborative efforts as a healthcare community. A tour of the Surgical Technician and Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Programs followed the discussions.

## DONATED QUILT DEPICTS AMEDDC&S CREST

Col. Dawn Smith (left), chief of staff for the Army Medical Department Center & School, accepts a quilt depicting the AMEDDC&S crest June 4 from Master Sgt. John Smith, NCOIC for the Department of Warrior Transition. Smith presented the quilt on behalf of his wife, Jacqueline, who hand-sewed the quilt, which took six months to complete. "She loves to quilt because it gives her satisfaction," Smith said. The AMEDDC&S crest is also depicted in tiles on the floor at the entrance of the foyer of AMEDDC&S, Building 2840. Assisting with the presentation is (from far right) dean of the Academy of Health Sciences Col. Randall Anderson and 2nd Lt. Michelle Pecko, Corps Specific Branch Proponency Office.

Photo by Esther Garcia



## YOUTH CENTER HOSTS END-OF-SCHOOL PARTY



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Thirteen-year-old Melissa Medellin shows off her hula hooping skills at the End-of-School Bash at the Youth Center May 31. With a focus on fitness, the party gave dozens of military kids like Medellin several fun and fit ways of celebrating the close of the school year.



## READING IS SO DELICIOUS



Four-year-old Caroline Nevills scoops up some ice cream for her 1 1/2 year-old brother, Raleigh, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Summer Reading Kick-off June 1. The rest of the summer will be filled with more "Reading is So Delicious" events every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



**Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell**

Reading is so delicious for Caleb Crall. The 14-month-old enjoys the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Summer Reading Kick-off with his mom, Lorien Crall. Close to 250 people signed up for the summer reading program on the opening day and enjoyed some ice cream.

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Army CID. "But back in the states, it is a more complex operating environment."

The conference allowed commands and organizations an opportunity to discuss ideas to improve coordination.

"It gives us – at least from a CID standpoint – an opportunity to work with anti-terrorism officers on potential real-world situations," Chaudoin said. "And, it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate how we can enable their missions and develop policies on suspicious activities reporting."

By bringing everyone together, the Army North Force Protection Conference – in its fifth year – has improved cooperation between commands and has improved the Army's ability to safeguard its Soldiers, Families and installations, said Victoria Testerman, force protection specialist, Provost Marshal Office, Army North.

"The success story is the collaboration that force protection takes – all of us working together – and the discussions that will get us there," Testerman said.

The conference improves the Army's ability

to safeguard itself from threats, Frels said.

"This conference is vitally important to provide a forum that brings together force protection subject-matter experts and mission partners in order to coordinate, cooperate, collaborate best practices and lessons learned," Frels said.

"Ultimately, the results of this conference provide an opportunity to enhance our ability to ensure the security, safety and protection of U.S. Army personnel, resources, infrastructure, information and equipment in the Northern Command area of responsibility."



**Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson**

Floyd Williams, Provost Marshal Office, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, discusses the risk management process May 23 with attendees at U.S. Army North's 2012 Force Protection Conference. Anti-terrorism officers and security professionals from major U.S. Army commands in North America met in San Antonio for the conference May 22-24 to hear presentations and participate in solution-seeking table-top exercises.





Post Deployment Planning

June 7, 10-11:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Negotiating Conflict

June 8, 1-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Outdoor Movie Night

"A Dolphin Tale," June 9, Sunset, field by the Fort Sam Houston flagpole. Free popcorn and snow cones. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

Triathlon

June 10, 6:30 a.m. beginning at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center Building 3300, Williams Road. Cost is \$20. The triathlon consists of a 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run. Registration deadline is June 3, packet pick-up is at 5:30 a.m. on

race day. Call 221-1234.

Vacation Bible Study

June 10-14 at Dodd Field Chapel, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-5006.  
June 16-20 at Freedom Chapel, JBSA-Lackland, call 671-4208.  
June 18-22 at Randolph Elementary, JBSA-Randolph, call 652-7237.

Saving and Investing

June 11, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Scream Free Marriage

June 11, 13, 18 and 25 from 6-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

PowerPoint Level 1

June 12, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Federal Resume Writing

June 12, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

HUGS playgroup

June 12, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Immigration Services

June 12, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1372.

Home Buying and Selling

June 12, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

PowerPoint Level 2

June 13, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Bringing Baby Home

June 13 and 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Overseas Orientation

June 13, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1372.

Self Paced Initial Financial Readiness

June 13, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner

Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Excel Level 1

June 14, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which will run from June 4-Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt and class picture.

Youth Horsemanship Camp

Camps are June 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29, July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30, and Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550, Trooper Road for children ages 7-17. The cost for the camp is \$195. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the

Weekly Weather Watch

	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12
San Antonio Texas	 90° PM T-Storms	 89° Scat T-Storms	 94° Partly Cloudy	 96° Partly Cloudy	 97° Partly Cloudy	 96° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 84° Mostly Sunny	 88° Sunny	 86° Sunny	 85° Sunny	 85° Sunny	 85° Mostly Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of June 5

CURRENT LEVEL \* = 650.8'

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

time of registration. Call 224-7207.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs,

monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed through-

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### 2012 Federal Recognition Awards

An awards ceremony will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 13 at the Omni Hotel at the Colonade. Bill Taylor, KENS5 meteorologist, is master of ceremonies. Call 565-1860/1861.

### MEDCOM Best Warrior Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho and Command Sgt. Maj. Donna A. Brock will host the U.S. Army Medical Command Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Best Warrior Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. June 8 at the Hilton San Antonio Airport. Tickets are \$20 and include your choice of a cheeseburger or turkey club wrap served with salad, dessert and iced tea. Attendee must pre-pay and reserve with meal choice by calling 295-2323 no later than June 4. Make checks payable to Hilton Hotel.

### Freedom Parade

Parade will begin 10 a.m. June 16 at E. Houston St. and North Cherry and end at the west gate of the Freeman Coliseum. There will be an historical ceremony at the Freeman Coliseum in Exhibit Hall C.

There will be food and entertainment, call 870-3009.

### Warrant Officer Association

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 18 at the Longhorn Café at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

### Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

### Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

### Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays from June 2 to Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, June 5 to Aug 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, June 3 to Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during June, July and August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

### Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.

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out the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsamhwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

### Lemon Lot

The Lemon Lot on Fort Sam Houston is in the process of moving. The new lot is expected to open in late May.

### Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may train to be certified life-guards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

### Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

### Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

### Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

### Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension,

vocabulary, and math skills.

The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

### Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

### Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

### Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

### ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

### Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-

4921.

### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

### Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

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